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Our Case No.: 659-911

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Van Gompel

Serial No.: 10/032,700

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: Refastenable Absorbent Garment  
and Method for Assembly Thereof

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3765

## FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
6,132,410 B1	10/2000	Van Gompel et al.
6,217,563 B1	4/2001	Van Gompel et al.
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#### **FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

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EP 0 907 510 B1	3/2002	EPO
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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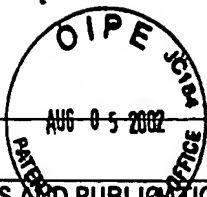
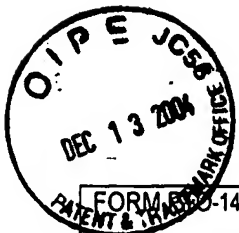
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in  
the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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